

SENATE NO. 1103

AN ACT TO PROTECT SOCIAL WORKERS FROM WORK RELATED INJURIES

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled,
And by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 58 of Chapter 30 of the General laws is amended by striking the fourth
2 paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following new paragraph:-

3 “Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, an employee who, while in the performance of duty,
4 receives bodily injuries resulting from acts of violence from patients, prisoners, or children in his or
5 her caseload or parents of said children, and who, as a result of such injury, would be entitled to
6 benefits under said chapter one hundred and fifty-two, shall be paid the difference between the weekly
7 cash benefits to which he would be entitled under said chapter one hundred and fifty-two and his
8 regular salary, without such absence being charged against available sick leave credits, even if such
9 absence may be for less than eight calendar days' duration.”